seriousness of the offense. When funds have been allocated from the general fund of the state, or funds have been provided by other public or private sources, the board shall order DNA profiling if appropriate.

Approved May 11, 1989

CHAPTER 157

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF S.F. 428

AN ACT relating to the installation and use of telecommunications devices for deaf persons in an enhanced 911 service area.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 477B.9 TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF.

By January 1, 1990, each county shall provide for the installation and use of at least one telecommunications device for the deaf at a public safety answering point.

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CHAPTER 158

CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION EMPLOYEES S.F. 170

AN ACT relating to personnel serving the consumer advocate division of the department of justice and the utilities division of the department of commerce, deleting provisions relating to the consumer advocate's authority to utilize employees of the utilities division, expanding the authority to employ consultants and technical advisors pursuant to contract, revising provisions relating to compensation, and providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 475A.3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows: 475A.3 OFFICE - EMPLOYEES - EXPENSES.

- 1. OFFICE. The office of consumer advocate shall be a separate division of the department of justice and located at the same location as the utilities division of the department of commerce. Administrative support services shall may be provided to the consumer advocate division by the utilities division of the department of commerce.
- 2. EMPLOYEES. The consumer advocate may employ attorneys, legal assistants, secretaries, clerks, and other employees the consumer advocate finds necessary for the full and efficient discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the office. The consumer advocate may employ consultants as expert witnesses or technical advisors pursuant to contract in any proceeding in which the consumer advocate division is a party as the consumer advocate finds necessary for the full and efficient discharge of the duties of the office. Employees of the consumer advocate division, other than the consumer advocate, are subject to merit employment, except as provided in section 19A.3.